

Howland Wood - Curatorial

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Ans



12 High Street Newport R.I.

Jan'y 4th 1920.

My dear Mr. Wood:

Have had so much correspondence of late with Messrs. Newell & Woe that I thought it was time to write you for remember we are old friends compared with the other two and you honored me ^{by a visit} just of the third - Before Xmas I thought of writing you to stop and see me if you should be on your way to Boston, it is not too late at any time for you to do so and we hope to see and entertain you at your first opportunity. It is very important for me to keep in with my few numismatic friends especially those interested in the Ancients, will lose my interest if I do not or certainly the importance of keeping in touch with those who keep up on the subject. Have added a lot of coins and books, since you were in Newport, to my collection.

After the meeting in Phila I had a call from Mr. ^{F.H.} Shumway who was also at the meeting - He evidently called when in Newport on business to see and possibly, purchase my set of U.S. cents for which I had no special interest - He brought with him Mr. E.E. Shepardon of Somerville, Mass. and they together took the cents.

The remarkable one I had disposed of a few years before, it was an ex. fine 1793 wreath cent which I traded for a moderate amount and it soon sold in a Chapman sale for \$375.00. Mr. Hinds at the convention heard me telling its story and said he was the purchaser at that price.

In Nov. I had a note from Mr. Schulman at the Hotel McAlpin N.Y. saying he would be in Boston at a certain date but had little in specimens to offer - I did not see him. I would like to attend the Jan'y meeting of the N.Y. Coin Club - subject ancient copper coins - was invited to do so but it is easier to stay at home this cold weather. A few years ago I went to Providence to attend a dental meeting in Feb'y should have been at home at 11 P.M. but reached there at 4 A.M. on acct. of the low temperature 8° below, transportation delayed all around -

Mr. Newell wrote me his trip was postponed to Jan 3, so I suppose he left yesterday - I recently purchased from Spink's Trans. Circular Vol 74041 - Sept. - Oct. number - 1/2 dr. of Lammia, same as B.M.C. page 22 - Plate III 7/3. symbol a Prochorus - and I do not know anything about that article, its special use, except as I see its representation looking like a can with a long slender delivery spout.

I am through with the old duplicate numbers of the Trans. Circ. wh. Mr. Newell kindly loaned me and will return same soon; Miss Dawley wishes to read two or three articles of wh. I have called her attention.

My ¹⁹¹⁸ Part II of same has only just arr. from Eng'land. Mr. Newell wished to know if I heard anything from the Colignon sale before he left - Have heard nothing so far. Did receive a catalogue of the sale a few days ago wh. was probably acknowledging my letter re. the sale. The cat. I used was kindly loaned me by Mr. Newell so that his may be returned at once unless he wishes us to cut it up in that case send the cards -

Sincerely yours E. P. Johnson.

EDWIN P. ROBINSON, D. D. S.,
12 HIGH STREET
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND.

April 17, 1920.

My dear Mr. Wood;

A line to wish you
a very satisfactory trip abroad
and on your return a visit from
you telling us what you have
seen.

We had a nice visit from Mr. Doe,
I hope you will have serious
bother getting at the Museum
Collections.

During this period of foreign
exchange I have purchased some
coins, and added several
B. M. Cat. of Greek coins so that
I have most of them and those
I do not own are in every case
least desired by me.

I also have recently rec'd Handbook of the
Coins of Great Britain & Ireland, British Museum
1899. Greber.

again I trust you and your
wife a very pleasant trip.

It is one I would like to take
myself but must leave it
for my friends to tell me about
and enjoy my books -

This reminds me of a twist I
put on the following a week ago.

"While you converse with lords & clarks,
I have their betters here - my books;
Fixed in an elbow chair at ease
I choose companions as I please -

T. Sheindam (Swifts) "

My version -

While you play cards & talk & chat,
I have much better - numismat;
Greek coins the hobby - at my ease
I choose companions as I please.

Sincerely yours
O. P. Reardon.

September 19th, 1922

Dr. E. P. Robinson
12 High Street
Newport, R.I.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

We have just read that Dr. Horatio Storer passed away yesterday. You, presumably, will be at the funeral. We would deem it a great privilege if you would represent the Society at the funeral; and, if it is possible, let it be known that you are our official representative there.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

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NEWPORT, R. I.,

Dear Mr. Novel:

Yours of Sept 23rd received. I will inform Dr. Malcolm Storer that you were represented, that is the American Society, and the reporter error.

I showed your letter to two representatives of the Newport papers and to one gave the envelope with name of society printed thereon. He or the printer made the mistake and bring the first notice printed may have set the wrong page.

Sincerely yours
E. P. Robinson.

Oct. 7. 1922

EDWIN P. ROBINSON, D. D. S.,
12 HIGH STREET
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND.

Dec. 10th 1922

My dear Mr. Wood:

Here send you
a small can of dental plaster
I think it is satisfactory for
your work, you can try it
and find out before
purchasing - In the top of
the can are a couple of
castings from this plaster.
Do not hurry to acknowledge
wait until some other
matter comes up.

Dr. Storer left some R.I.
Medals & Tokens which his
daughter has turned over to

to me to arrange for the Suffolk
Historical Society.

I wish to get a glass case
to show them and other things.
If I can raise the funds it
would be preferable to have one
made. If you have any
suggestions glad to receive
them.

Sincerely yours
E. P. R. A. M.

EDWIN P. ROBINSON, D. D. S.,
12 HIGH STREET
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND.

July 4th 1863

Dear Mr. Wood:

Enclosed please find
U.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ D. 1861. 0 mint, which I present
to the Numismatic Soc. as a companion piece
to the Confed. $\frac{1}{2}$ D. of same year -

Sorry I could not get the cracked
die - front of face of Liberty - which you
showed me.

Expect to be busy arranging the
coins in the Newport Historical Soc -
as time will permit also expect to
have a new cabinet made for them.

Miss Storer & Mr. Malcolm S. have started
for a trip around the world.

If there is a prospect of Mr. Storer
receiving a letter from ^{me} in case one was
sent - can you give me the address?

Am giving some attention to the
subject of Ancient ~~Plating~~.

Sincerely Yours

E. P. Robinson.

February 13th, 1923

Dr. Edwin P. Robinson
12 High Street
Newport, R.I.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

The 1861 O Mint half-dollar reached us the other day, and I want to thank you most heartily for your persistence in finding one of these to give to us. It certainly should be an explanatory piece to our rare Confederate half-dollar.

I wish you luck in arranging the coins for the Newport Historical Society.

As I expect Mr. Lee to remain in Greece some time longer, you should have plenty of time to write to him. His address is: C/o The American School of Classical Studies, Athens.

The plaster you sent to us some time ago works very nicely. Mrs. de Cuetteville said that she was very much pleased with it and that it was extremely smooth. Will you let me have the name of this plaster?

With best wishes, and trusting you are well, I am

Very truly yours,

HW/E

Mar. 8. 1923

My dear Mr. Wood:-

May ask for suggestions
or your approval of the enclosed
com Cabinet - I started first to
have an upright - with shelves
which would hold more and
take up less room which was to
be all glass. But on the whole
prefer the enclosed sketch.

The joints - I wish particularly
for you to note - are -

The table 3' 4" wide from floor
(is that too low?)

Bottom of case covered with black
velvet - Glass rises 7" top, 3' 2" in deep
Two covers hinged at back. But
expect this ^{cabinet} stand out so that the
coms will face the two ways. -

& be viewed from one side not the
other from opposite side - but -
no division made in the cabinet -
This gives 15 inches to each side.

For the Newport Hist Soc.
so as above of their dimensions;

Please return drawing.

I have ordered a 10 lb can of
Sears' Snow White - Glaze to be
sent to the Hist Soc. 155 St. V. way -
with my compliments - I enclose
the sample recently sent you.

Yours
C. P. H. H.

March 14th, 1923

Dr. E. P. Robinson
12 High Street
Newport, R.I.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Please pardon the delay in returning to you your sketch of the coin cabinet, with comments. The fact is, we are all upset here changing our exhibition and getting ready for the National Sculpture Society's show which is going to invade the terrace for all summer.

I think the height of your case about right. Our balcony cases from floor to top are $37\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and our downstairs cases, which are slanting, run from 34-38 inches, and these could be an inch or so higher without harm. The length and width would be governed more or less by the size of the room in which you place the case and how many coins you want to show. I think your case is a very good size. I would suggest your not having too much of a flange on the cover as a large overhang gives a better grip to anyone trying to force the case open. I would not have the inside (i.e. from the bottom of the case to glass) too deep. In fact, an inch, or two at most, is sufficient, because a person might break a hole in the glass and be able to put in his arm and scoop out all of the things in the case if he had room to swing his arm in. With a shallow case, he could get only where the glass was broken. I think it unnecessary to have glass sides; this is an added expense that would do no good and would prove one more point of contact for theft.

The plaster came the other day, and I want to thank you very sincerely for this.

Very truly yours,

HW/E

EDWIN P. ROBINSON, D. D. S.,
12 HIGH STREET
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND.

Aug 17, 1923

Mr. Hovell Wood -

Dear Mr. Wood -

We are to celebrate
the battle of Rhode Island on
Aug 29th with the cooperation of
the army & navy -

The Newport Historical Society
have been presented with two
lot, of land on hills and on
which the British built forts
occupied alternately by them and
the Americans.

Can you give me information
as to the time of striking or any-
thing else re the Admiral Howe
medal 1779 re American retreating
across the island and taking to
their small boats British ships
on the opposite side of the island
or so I interpret it.

Yours
E. P. R.

August 21st, 1923.

Dr. Edwin P. Robinson,
12 High Street,
Newport, R. I.

Dear Robinson:

The Rhode Island medal that you write about is one of the colonial medals with about the least history attached to it that we have. Nobody as yet definitely settled when it was struck. It is undoubtedly of Dutch origin. It must have been made about the time of the event. It also is not clear on the face of it whether it is Pro-American or Pro-British. It seems to favor one of one side and the other on the other.

About all that is known of it is summed up in the book by C. Wyllys Betts "American Colonial History Illustrated by Contemporary Medals", page 255.

Dr. H. R. Storer also wrote an account of this in volume XXI of the American Journal of Numismatics. You ought to be able to get both of these in the Newport Library.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

12 High Street
Newport, Rhode Island

Sept. 1, 1866

Dear Mr. Wood;

I sent a letter to Mr. Doe of-
ficially stating my visit to N.E. Conway.
The letter was sent by Mr. C. C. C.
and I have not yet received a reply.
I am sorry to hear that you are
not feeling well. I hope you will
soon be able to go to the
place where you wish to go.
I am, dear Mr. Wood, very
truly yours,
J. H. C.

September 30th, 1926

Dr. E. P. Robinson
12 High Street
Newport, R.I.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Your note just at hand. We expect Mr. Hoe here on Monday, and, possibly, on Tuesday. I may be at the Society on Monday next, but will be in on Tuesday. I doubt if Hoe will be here after Tuesday as he is going off again on a protracted trip.

Trusting to see you,

Very truly yours,

Curator

Mr. Hoyle suggested that I go up to the N.E. Indian
Co. 1700 Indian Apt. and for about 1/2 hour, to view
the old and new Egyptian jewelry, etc.
and that also copied from a catalogue of them
on which a label with approximation of value.

But the investigator who was with me, in the
main it may be, did not tell of the matter
as being one of low value - was above and
the plan with the jewelry and the way in
much of it - from the other side of the bank.

There I saw earrings of silver plated with
gold, in the catalogue it showed the difficulty
of describing the material of jewelry & of the value
of a certain Wilhelm Theodor of Vienna that
the catalogue also said of experience of
the appearance with which the beauty of the
two metals together. I copied from the catalogue
the information I wished - It was most

interesting & informing particularly as
 I am having the same difficulty
 with the same specimens. I think I
 appear to have no medium (you
 know I have found this with the
 medium). I have told you that
 Mr. Savage said the ancient - had no
 solder. In this catalogue I inserted
 a few plates of some pieces of gold
 and a catalogue tells of constructing
 gold wire by the use of a draw plate -
 and before I found this, Mr. Savage
 says the ancients used no draw
 plate, Mr. Savage explains the
 explanation under their gold wire -
 some of these discoveries are explained
 It is most more a very interesting
 subject to me - I would like to
 have, and want to have of parts &
 find out how much they can give.
 Fusion would explain much of the
 gold - silver & iron jewelry which
 has been done - and some other ancient
 things which have been said to be
 gold - The only thing I have decided is
 to close plain. It is a matter without
 visible union. I am trusting for more.

April 19, 1927

Dr. Edwin P. Robinson,
12 High Street,
Newport, R. I.

Dear Sir:

I think the Tammany Society medals must be there. They are evidently slightly convex about 3 inches in size and I am enclosing sketches made a while ago by McCandiliss.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB
Encl.

April 28, 1927

Dr. Edwin P. Robinson,
12 High Street,
Newport, R. I.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Many thanks for the trouble you have
taken as regards the Tammany medals in the Newport
Historical Society. This probably will do me for
the present.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HF:MP

1st February, 1928

Dr. A. P. Robinson,
12 High Street,
Newport, R.I.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I was looking through our tampered Mexican dollars the other day to show and could not find two or three of the pieces. I have a faint idea that I let you have them once. As I remember it, at least two of them were as follows: Mexican dollar filled with lead, and the top taken off and now separate; another one with the top partially lifted off. If by any chance you have these, I wish you would let me know.

Very truly yours,

Curator

EDWIN P. ROBINSON, D. D. S.,
12 HIGH STREET
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

W.H.

Feb 7th 1878

2-7-28

Dear Mr. Wood:

Enclosed receipt
for if you can please or not
returning until you please
return - you please to return
this time after taking
measured or record of (one
operation).

Thank you.

Yours please to return

Yours please to return
(Satisfactory)

Yours please to return

Yours please to return
before you expect to see you
are - I wish you to return

Aug 11, 1929

Dear Mr. Wood -

I remember your
interest - The enclosures
may not add to your
collection - No harm
to send them which I
have saved as they
come at times in
my mail

Don't bother to
acknowledge -

I am anxious to see
the progress in your
building.

Hope you have had a
good summer.

Sincerely yours
E. B. Loring.

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Printed in U.S.A.

August 15th, 1929.

Dr. E. P. Robinson,
12 High Street,
Newport, R. I.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Many thanks for the various "Business Reply " cards and envelopes. There are six or seven of these that I am very glad to get, as they show variations.

I do not suppose the person with the stamp collection ever took up my small offer.

Our building is about done from the outside, but lots of work to be done inside.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

Kunsthistorisches Museum
Sammlung Antikes!
Münzen

Sept. 25, 1930

Edwin P. Robinson, Esq.
12 High Street
Newport, R. I.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Many thanks for the Mass. Bay Tercentenary Token
which has just arrived. We do wish it. Again thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

Feb. 25, 1931

Dr. Edwin P. Robinson

12 High Street

Newport, R. I.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Many thanks for your package. The business reply cards present several new varieties for which I thank you. I turned over to Mr. Nee your letter as the red jacket data concerns the library. I think he is writing you about this.

Very sincerely yours,

Curator.

April 7th 1921

Dear Mr. Wood:

I have no plated coins the property of the A.N.S. - Have a large collection of them - principally except in the case of those on approval for purchase from dealers (through the A.N.S.) and of course (Dime) for exchange. Also I have cut up some of my own property.

I have quite a collection cut up which I intended to turn over to the A.N.S. some time.

I still have the dies loaned from the A.N.S. which I use for experiments & will let it up them a while longer.

I do not know if Mr. Wm. Campbell would like to see more of my plated coins & maybe he would like to cut a few more of them. If he comes in you might ask him. I have been very busy for the last year or so with a number of things and could have felt more up to the mark - Have given little time to coin to my regret.

Sincerely Yours
O. A. Hansen

April 10, 1931

Dr. E. P. Robinson

12 High Street

Newport, R. I.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I felt sure that you had none of our plated coins but I simply wanted to check up. I will speak to Professor Campbell the next time I see him which would be fairly soon as he has not been up here for some time. As for the dies, keep them as long as you wish.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

April 6, 1931

Dr. E. P. Robinson
12 High Street
Newport, R. I.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

This is just a line to ask whether you have any
of our plated coins either whole or in fragments? I am checking up
on these as I am giving a place in the cabinet to all plated coins.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

August 24, 1933.

Dr. E. P. Robinson
12 High Street
Newport, Rhode Island.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

The 1793 cent you wrote about and which is valued at 200 Swiss francs in Switzerland is a high valuation. This is the common type and not the rare straw-berry leaf type. It would have to be in uncirculated condition to be worth \$50.00.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

January 8, 1934.

Dr. E. P. Robinson
12 High Street
Newport, R. I.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I beg to thank you for the prepaid cards and envelopes that you have just sent to me. A number of these were new forms and varieties and I was very glad to get them. I would very much rather that you had delivered them personally but I understand from Mr. Noe that you have not been feeling well of late. I trust that you will be on your feet in good shape before long.

Sincerely yours,

HW :JG

EDWIN P. ROBINSON, D. D. S.
12 HIGH STREET
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

Feby 25th 1885.

Mr. Howland Wood:-

Dear Mr. Wood,

I have put some casts to Mr. Nor and today received a letter from him that he was leaving N.Y. for Mass. - He would not be in N.Y. to receive them which may be kept until his return.

Hope you and the family are keeping free from the illnesses so frequent this time of year -

Sincerely yours

Edw. P. Robinson

We hope to have Mr. Nor with us next Sunday -

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12 High Street, Newport, R. I.

May 13th 1937

Dear Mr. Wood=

In a few days you should receive the glass disc prepaid by express - the lot I have used in my experiments. I thank you.

I have read of the loss of Mr. Robertson and Prof. Campbell. I am sorry they have gone.

Next time I come to N.Y. will be pleased to make the acquaintance of Mr. William L. Clark the successor of Mr. Robertson.

Good wishes as usual for you and family and the others at the A.N.S.

Cordially yours
E. V. Robinson

May 18, 1937

E. P. Robinson, Esq.
12 High Street,
Newport, R. I.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Your letter came the other day and the express package Saturday. Many thanks for the return of these dies.

I was rather up against it for two months after Robinson passed away, but Mr. Clark is taking hold very well and we are gradually getting the accumulation of work cleared up.

I trust we will see you the next time you come to New York.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks